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For : INDICATOR FOR VEHICLE ACCESSORY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/270,830, filed on October 15, 2002, by Jonathan E. DeLine, Niall R. Lynam, Ralph A. Spooner and Philip A. March, entitled VOICE ACQUISITION SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/903,336, filed July 11, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,446,136, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/396,179, filed September 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,278,377, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/382,720, filed August 25, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,003.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 22 pages of specification, 9 pages of claims (73 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 5 sheets

of formal drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page). The attached drawings are formal versions of the drawings originally filed with the prior application and correspond to the original drawings.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims 1-73 have been canceled and new claims 74-154 have been added. Examination on the basis of new claims 74-154 is requested.

3. Filing Fee and Calculation

Basic Fee	\$770.00
Additional Fees	
Each independent claim in excess of three, -0- times \$86.00	\$.00
Number of claims in excess of twenty, -61- times \$18.00	\$1,098.00
Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$290.00	\$.00
Total Filing Fee	<u>\$1,868.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$1,868.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.

- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

4. Drawings

Five (5) sheets of formal drawings are enclosed and correspond to the original drawings filed in the parent application. Entry and approval of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

5. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 10/270,830, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of a form PTO-1449 and the Electronic Information Disclosure Statement listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

6. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Jonathan E. DeLine, Niall R. Lynam, Ralph A. Spooner and Philip A. March.

7. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 1, 1999, at Reel 010358, Frame 0111.

8. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the parent application Serial No. 10/270,830 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said firm, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25

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9. Verification

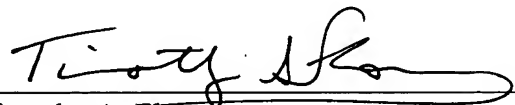
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Respectfully submitted,

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